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**SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG**  
THE FASTEST THING ALIVE



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SOLDIER & SWORDSMAN



**BIG THE CAT**  
GENTLE GIANT



**CHIP**  
ANCIENT SPIRIT



???

# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

**PREVIOUSLY...**

## PATHS OF DUTY

Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends, the **Freedom Fighters**, have set out to restore the **Shattered World**! To do that, they will need access to the seven sacred **Gaia Temples**!

Sonic is travelling the globe at super-speed seeking the seven **Gaia Keys** protected by their **Gaia Guardians**!

Meanwhile, **Sally** and **Bunnie** are on the hunt for the final **Chaos Emerald**!

They need all seven emeralds to power the temples—but they've run into serious trouble...



# RACE OF ENEMY

Part One: FRIENDS IN NEED

TRAIL BANDS ZONE

IT'S JUST A  
LITTLE AMBUSH  
GUYS! WE'RE  
STILL GOOD!  
WE'RE STILL  
GOOD!

SONIC  
CHICKEN  
SHAL

BIG  
APTY  
NAMEED

CHIP  
BRAVEISH

ANTOINE  
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"...IT'S A BIG CITY,  
BUT HE SHOULDN'T  
BE TOO HARD TO  
FIND."

SORRY,  
SPIKE. I  
HAVEN'T  
SEEN HIM.

EHSAN? I'M  
SORRY, MY  
FRIEND...

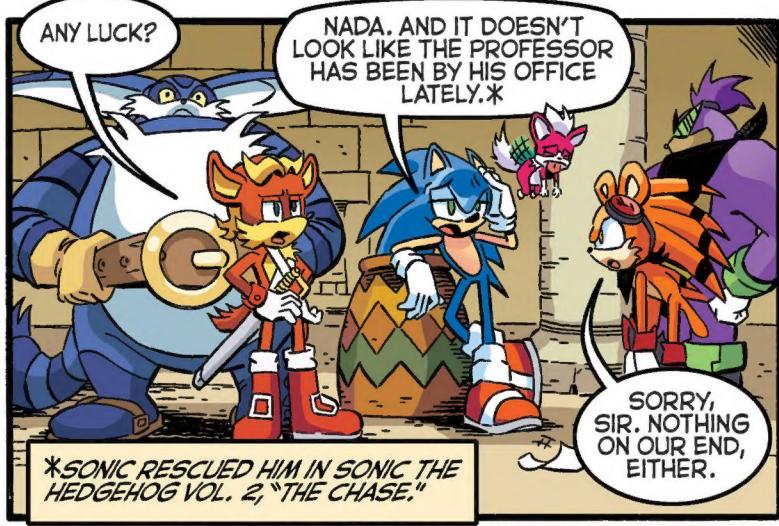
...BUT HE'S  
NOT ONE OF MY  
REGULARS.

NO! I DON'T KNOW WHERE  
THAT LAZY FOOL WENT! HE  
BETTER SHOW UP BECAUSE  
THE MINUTE THE EGG ARMY  
CLEAR OUT OF THAT  
TEMPLE, WE'RE GOING  
BACK TO WORK!

NOPE, SORRY. BUT I'LL  
HAVE THE SUPER SHAMAR  
SEARCH AND SECURITY  
SQUAD LOOK INTO IT!

SORRY! I'M  
NOT FINDING  
ANYTHING!

OH, COME ON!  
PROFESSOR PICKLE IS  
INTO THIS GAIA STUFF.  
YOU'D THINK HE'D  
KNOW THE GUY...



WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT HIM, ANYWAY?

EET IS A VERY COMPLICATED, MYSTICAL MATTER. YOU SEE...

YOU KNOW WHERE THIS TEMPLE IS, RIGHT? ABSOLUTELY.

HE HAS KEYS THAT OPEN A TEMPLE THAT FIXES THE PLANET.

...ALL RIGHT, PERHAPS NOT TOO COMPLICATED...

THEN WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! LET'S GO KICK SOME EGG ARMY BUTT!

ALL RIGHT! ANOTHER RESCUE MISSION!



THAT NIGHT...

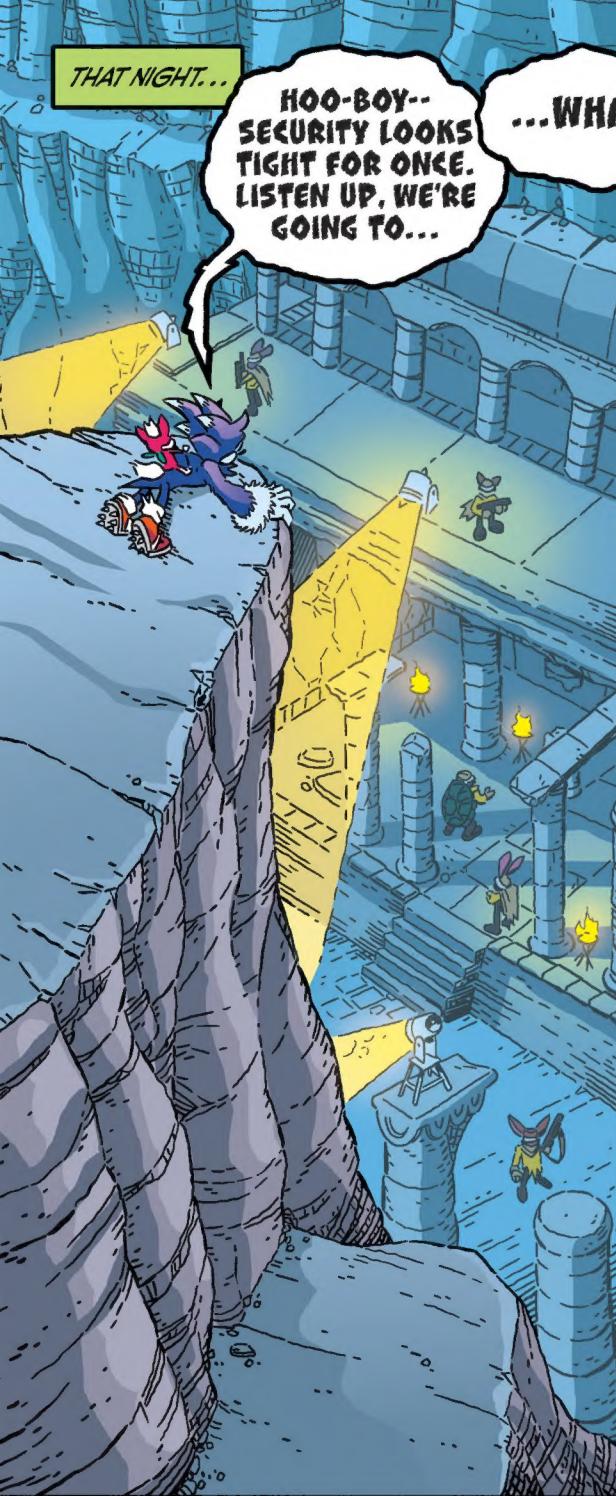
HOO-BOY--  
SECURITY LOOKS  
TIGHT FOR ONCE.  
LISTEN UP, WE'RE  
GOING TO...

...WHAT?

S-SORRY.  
J-JUST...WE  
WEREN'T  
EXPECTING  
THIS SIDE  
OF YOU!

ONE OF YOU  
WILL HAVE TO  
DESCRIBE IT  
FOR ME  
LATER.

I WANT TO  
KNOW WHAT ALL  
THE FUSS IS  
ABOUT.





"SONAR, YOU WATCH OUR BACKS. IF ANYONE FINDS YOU, SIC BIG ON 'EM."

CLAPP!





YOU'RE  
A LONG WAY  
FROM HOME,  
**SONIC**  
**THE WEREWOLF**

A PITY  
YOU'LL DIE HERE.

NEPHTHYS  
THE  
VULTURE  
REGIONAL  
EGG BOSS

SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS CAME TO RESCUE A GAIA KEY GUARDIAN, BUT WHO'S GOING TO RESCUE THEM?!  
DON'T MISS OUT ON EVEN MORE ADVENTURE WITH SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

STONE STORM-  
LANDS ZONE...

AH DON'T  
GET IT  
WITH YOU  
EGG ARMY  
TYPES...

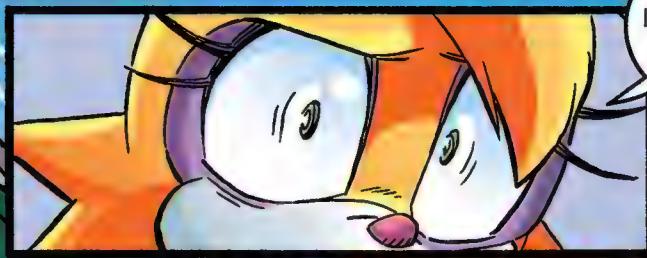
## HIDDEN COSTS

### PART TWO

IS IT WORTH  
SELLIN' YOURSELF  
TO DR. EGGMAN  
JUST FOR SOME  
FANCY ROBOTICS?

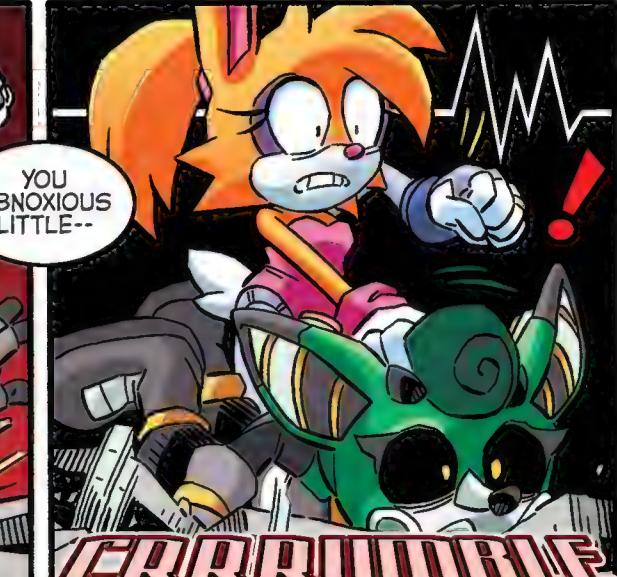
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UGH!



OOH,  
DID I HIT A  
NERVE?

I MEAN, I  
GUESS ONE  
OF YOUR  
ARMS STILL  
HAS THOSE--  
*OOF!*



YOU  
OBNOXIOUS  
LITTLE--

**CRRRUMBLE**



DON'T  
MOVE.

OH,  
YOU'VE  
GOT TO BE  
KIDDING  
ME.

AH  
SAID  
DON'T  
--!

AHHHH  
HHHHH!



ELSEWHERE IN  
THE RUINS...

PRINCESS  
SALLY  
ACORN.



WHO--?

MY NAME  
IS CLOVE. I'M  
IN CHARGE OF  
THE EGG ARMY  
STATIONED  
HERE.

I ASSUME  
YOU'RE HERE  
FOR THE GAIA  
TEMPLE.

SHE DOESN'T  
KNOW ABOUT  
THE CHAOS  
EMERALD!

...YES.  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.

SO WHAT  
HAPPENS NOW?  
...LET ME TELL  
YOU HOW I  
SEE IT.

YOUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
MOUNT AN ATTACK, CHASE MY  
PEOPLE OUT AND TAKE CONTROL  
OF THE TEMPLE FOR YOUR-  
SELVES...

...UNTIL EGGMAN ORDERS  
ME TO TAKE IT BACK, LEADING  
TO MORE FIGHTING. HE WON'T  
LET YOU KEEP IT, NO MATTER  
WHAT HAPPENS TO US. THERE  
WOULD BE NO END TO IT.

SO YOU'RE  
SAYING I  
SHOULD JUST  
BACK DOWN?

YES.

AND WHY  
WOULD I DO THAT,  
WHEN THE PLANET'S  
AT STAKE?



THE WAY YOU SNUCK INTO THE GROUNDS REMINDED ME OF YOUR PREVIOUS ESCAPE AT OUR MINING OPERATION.\*

YOU STRIKE ME AS A SMART PERSON. A COMPASSIONATE ONE. THE TYPE WHO, WHEN FACED WITH A BAD CHOICE, WOULD LOOK FOR A THIRD OPTION.

\*STH #263.

YOU'RE PRESUMING A LOT OF ME. FOR INSTANCE, YOU'RE ASSUMING I'M ALONE. YOU CAME HERE ON YOUR OWN, NOT KNOWING IF I'D JUST TAKE YOU PRISONER.

TRUE. AND IF I'D MADE A MISTAKE, I'D DESERVE THE CONSEQUENCES.

BUT I CAME HERE BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU'D BE WILLING TO HEAR ME OUT.

WAS I WRONG?

I DIDN'T THINK SO.

YOU'RE PRETTY CONFIDENT, AREN'T YOU?... FINE. WE'LL LEAVE THE TEMPLE ALONE.

GLAD TO HEAR IT.

THOUGH...

I WILL ADMIT... WHILE I WAS HOPING YOU WERE AS REASONABLE AS YOU SEEMED, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO AGREE TO THIS SO READILY. LIKE YOU SAID, THE PLANET IS AT STAKE. SO LET ME TAKE ANOTHER GUESS HERE...

...BUT MAYBE I DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER. I SUPPOSE I'LL JUST HAVE TO RETURN TO MY POST. THIS CONVERSATION IS RISKY ENOUGH AS-IS, ANYWAY.

THIS ISN'T THE GAIA TEMPLE.

WAIT! YOU'RE WORKING FOR EGGMAN, BUT THEN YOU'RE JUST GOING TO SIT BACK AND PLAY IGNORANT? MAYBE... MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU--

BY NOT INVOLVING MY PEOPLE IN MORE FIGHTING, YOU ARE HELPING.

GOODBYE, PRINCESS.

MEANWHILE...

=COUGH=  
=COUGH=

UHN...

WAY  
TO GO,  
IDIOT! YOU--

OW OW  
OW!

UGH, I  
CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!  
MY SISTER IS GONNA  
FREAK...

SELFISH?

IT'S SELFISH OF ME TO NOT  
WANNA BE SICK ALL THE TIME?  
I'M SELFISH FOR WANTING MY  
STUPID EYES AND EARS TO  
WORK AGAIN?!

MAYBE  
YOU CAN  
JUST ASK OL'  
EGGMAN FOR A  
NEW LEG. WHAT'S  
ONE MORE  
SELFISH  
UPGRADE?

...AH JUST...  
WAS EGGMAN  
REALLY THE ONLY  
OPTION?

OH, GEE, I  
SHOULD HAVE  
JUST GONE TO  
THE LOCAL  
CYBORG STORE,  
I GUESS? WHAT  
WERE MY  
OPTIONS, HUH?  
C'MON, TELL  
ME.

...YER  
RIGHT. AH  
DON'T.

YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT ME!



WHEN AH WAS A KID,  
AH WISHED MAH BODY  
COULD GO BACK TO  
THE WAY IT WAS. SO THE  
IDEA THAT ANYONE  
WOULD WILLINGLY GIVE  
THAT UP...



"...IT SHOULD LEAD TO OUTSIDE EVENTUALLY!"

SOOO, UH...  
I GOTTA ASK.  
WHEN YOU GOT  
YOUR CYBER-  
NETICS...

IT WAS TOUGH.

AH HAD TO  
LEARN TO WALK  
ALL OVER  
AGAIN.

AH'M  
JUST THANKFUL  
AH HAD MAH  
FRIENDS TO SEE  
ME THROUGH  
IT.

WHAT  
ABOUT YOUR  
FAMILY?

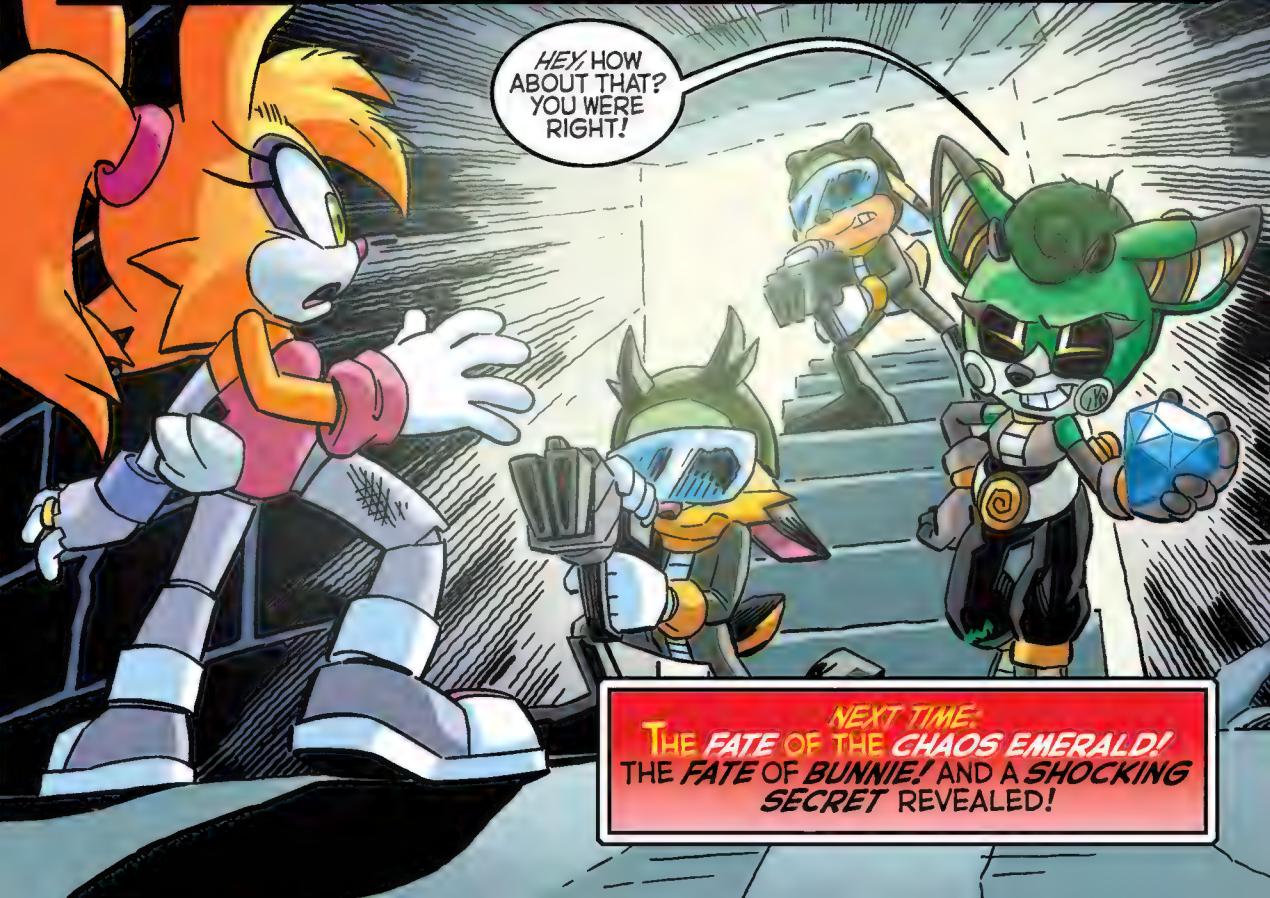
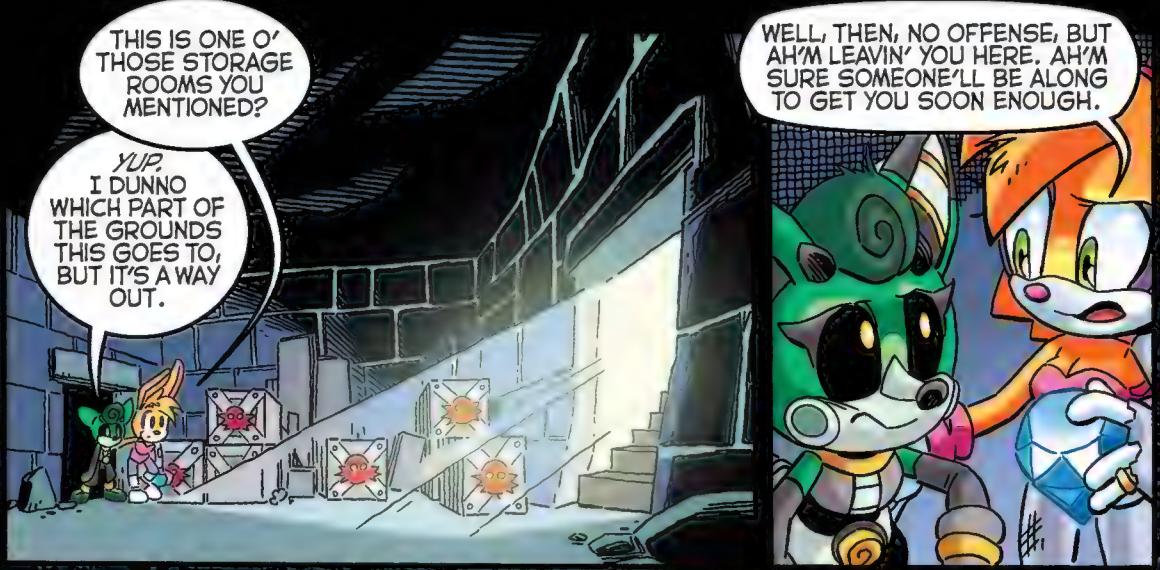
NO IDEA.  
MAH FRIENDS  
ARE MAH  
FAMILY,  
REALLY.

...OH.

BUT I MEANT  
MORE LIKE...  
DID YOU HAVE  
TO DO ANY  
SPECIAL  
TREATMENT?  
MEDICINE  
OR....?

HUH?  
NOT THAT AH  
RECALL...

NO?  
HEH...MY LUCK  
REALLY IS  
GARBAGE.



# **Letter from the EDITOR**

*Editorial commentary that's been "spiked" with information!*

## **Hey there, Sonic comic readers!**

Hope you all enjoyed the double dose of **Freedom Fighters** this issue! What did everyone think of the newcomers **Spike**, **Sonar** and **Trevor**? We'd like to know, so please write in to **Sonic@ArchieComics.com** to tell us who is your favorite!

Sonic comic scribes **Ian Flynn** and **Aleah Baker** came up with the initial designs for these new Freedom Fighters with some fine-tuning done by yours truly! Check out the awesome production art below!

As many of you could probably guess, Spike, Sonar and Trevor are modeled after the trio of Sonic, Tails and Knuckles! Of course, each has their own unique abilities. Spike can spin like a whirlwind,

Sonar can use her ultrasonic hearing to gather intel and Trevor can burrow underground for surprise attacks! Pretty cool, huh?

**BELOW:** Design concept for Spike the Porcupine.



Well that's all for this segment! See y'all next time for more behind-the-scenes fun!

– Vincent “Vin” Lovallo  
Editor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vin" above "2015".

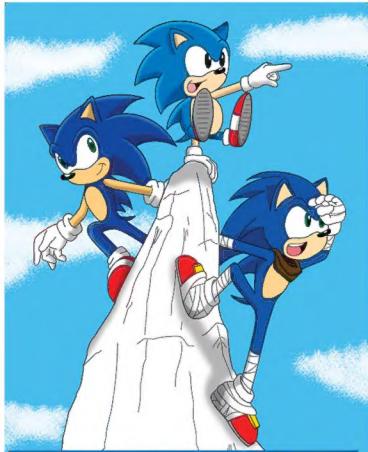
**BELOW:** Design concept for Sonar the Fennec.



**BELOW:** Design concept for Trevor Burrow the Mole.



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A HUMOROUS COMIC STRIP  
FEATURING TWO SPINY,  
ANTHROPOMORPHIC  
CREATURES IN WHICH  
A FUNNY JOKE IS MADE

OR **HEAVY METAL  
OVERDRIVE**



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OR TWEET AT US USING #SONICGRAMS!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'  
Hi! My name is Nina and I'm possibly your biggest fan!

**Hi, Nina! Nice to meet you!**

I love your comics! This is my first time writing to you and I'm pretty excited! I've got some questions for you:

1. Will we be seeing any more of Captain Metal and the Egg o' War?

*When we last saw the the Egg o' War (housing what was left of Capt. Metal) it sat waterlogged, with a hole in its side at the bottom of the ocean in Blaze's world! Will it rise to ravage worlds again? You'll just have to wait and see!*

2. Will Eclipse be back for revenge?

*When we last saw Eclipse, he'd crash-landed a stolen G.U.N. cruiser into a swamp somewhere on the planet's surface! Will he return with his Dark Arms to eat the people of Sonic's world? You'll just have to wait and see!*

3. What type of animal is Amy Rose?

*When we last saw Amy Rose she was a hedgehog! Will she ever be anything other than a hedgehog? You'll just have to wait and (No. The answer is no.) see!*

4. Can I be pleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeease be Silver's #1 fan?

Nina P.  
from Massachusetts

*When we last saw Nina, I was answering her letter in the previous column! Will she ever be Silver's #1 fan? You'll just have to wait (Sure, OK.) and see!*

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I've been a reader of the Sonic comics for a long time. I was very excited for your *Sonic the Fighters* adaptation! It's my favorite obscure Sonic game! My favorite character in the comics is Bean and I hope his crazy, wacky antics remain in this comic forever. I have one question though: Is the purple pufferfish girl from the "Champions" arc the royal daughter of King Puff and Queen Angelica from "Waves of Change"?

Seamus B. sent to  
[Sonic@ArchieComics.com](mailto:Sonic@ArchieComics.com)

*Waait... do you mean the same purple pufferfish girl parading through Shamar Square who's carrying that weird magic rainy umbrella and also appears on page 7 of this very issue?!?@\_\_\_\_\_@;;;;;*

*I dunno what you're talking about, Seamus, but thanks for the letter!*

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Hi Guys! You are great! Tails you are my favorite. So on video game day for homecoming, I dressed up as you! Keep on running, Sonic! Keep punching things, Knuckles! Have fun, Amy! Good luck, Sticks! Tails, I hope you keep on being my favorite! Peace out!

Alex A. sent to  
[Sonic@ArchieComics.com](mailto:Sonic@ArchieComics.com)

*Peace out, Alex! That's cool that you*

*dressed up! Keep on keepin' on, friend!*

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I just wanted to write you guys a quick (no pun intended) letter saying how much I LOVE your Sonic comics.

*Well thanks so much! We LOVE hearing back from our awesome readers!*

I became a Sonic fan on his 15th anniversary and I've stayed a devout fan ever since! The day I first met Sonic is probably one of my clearest memories. My Mom had gone to the pharmacy close to our home while I was watching TV. When she came back she gave me a surprise: A Sonic comic book! I was so excited as I delved into "His World"! My first book was *Sonic X* #20 and I read it everyday! (This is where I weep true blue tears.)

*True blue tears is da best teases there is!*

I started buying his games, watching his shows, buying his merch and, after I look back at all of this, I think, "Life's pretty sweet!" I'll always love Sonic and will always support him because he's the most 'way past cool' character I know!

Stephen M. sent to  
[Sonic@ArchieComics.com](mailto:Sonic@ArchieComics.com)

*Thanks for that heartfelt letter, Stephen! It warms our hearts to know that everything we do makes every Sonic fan, no matter who or where they are, a little bit happier!*

*And with that, we end this letter column! See you guys later!*

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